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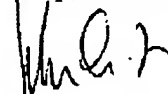
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Sir:

The communication mailed January 7, 2005 denies the petition for a retroactive license under 35 USC 184 and 37 CFR 5.25(a) on the ground that the petition does not provide the date of filing of the European patent application. The petition itself states that the date on which the material was filed in the European Patent Office is March 15, 2002. Applicant therefore believes that the required information was in fact provided. Nevertheless, since the petition did not state explicitly that the date on which the material was filed in the European Patent Office was the date of filing of the European patent application, applicant confirms that the date of filing of the European patent application is March 15, 2002.

It is believed that all requirements under 37 CFR 5.25(a) have now been met and it is requested that the petition for retroactive license be granted and the license issued.

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